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For: INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

The undersigned does not read or understand Japanese. To comply with the rules, the undersigned provides the following statement of relevance, which appears to have been omitted from the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 7, 2001, through an oversight. The following statement of relevance was provided by the inventors.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

With Japanese Patent Disclosure No. JP 11-176096, through management around a disc exchange is disclosed, after turning over it, management that it records as making data overlap is not disclosed.

Since a copy of JP 11-176096 was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 7, 2001, a duplicate copy is not attached herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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